

# Return on Investment (RoI) and Reliability, Availability and Maintenance (RAM) in a Large Distributed Software-Intensive System of Systems (SoS)

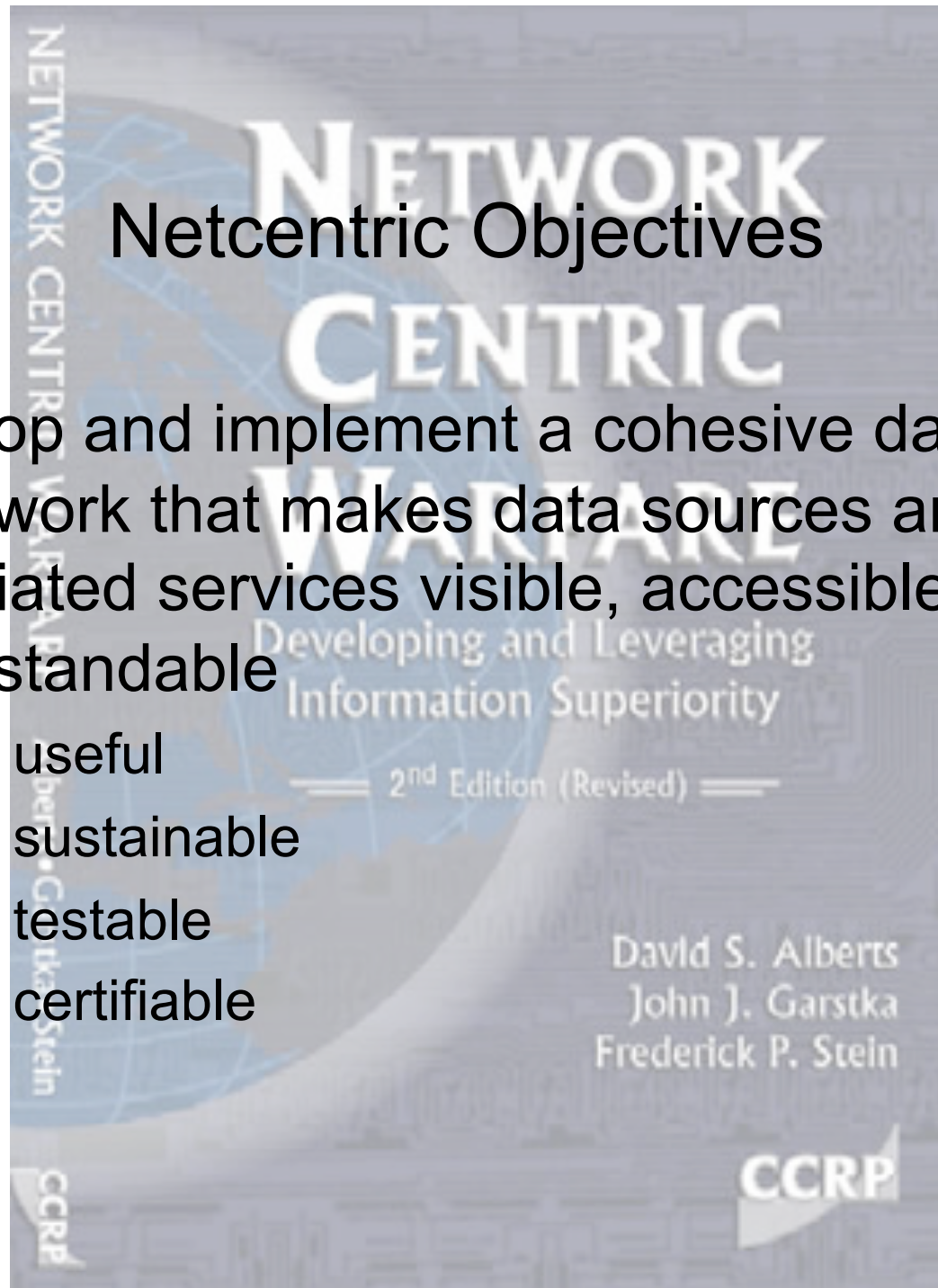


## Einstein's Paradox....

“You can’t solve a problem with  
the same thinking and processes  
that created it....”

## Netcentric Objectives

- Develop and implement a cohesive data framework that makes data sources and associated services visible, accessible, and understandable
  - ✓ And useful
  - ✓ And sustainable
  - ✓ And testable
  - ✓ And certifiable



# Why will some program finally succeed where others have failed?

GAO  
United States Government Accountability Office  
Report to Congressional Committees

- GAO reports\* re
  - GIG
  - NMCI
  - FCS
  - JTRS
  - Etc

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DEFENSE  
ACQUISITIONS  
  
DOD Management  
Approach and  
Processes Not Well-  
Suited to Support  
Development of  
Global Information  
Grid

- Defense Science Board (DSB) FY 09 reports\* re
  - IT Acquisition
  - Urgent Operational Needs

 G A O  
Accountability • Integrity • Reliability  
GAO-06-211

\*Netcentric programs are all behind schedule and over budget...IT acquisition process is broken...



# Netcentric ROI Objective: **Better-Speed-to-Better-Capability**

Measurably and testably:

- Deploy capability faster
- Improve operational outcomes
- Improve delivered-capability-per-cost ratio
- Improve predictability of cost and time per delivered capability

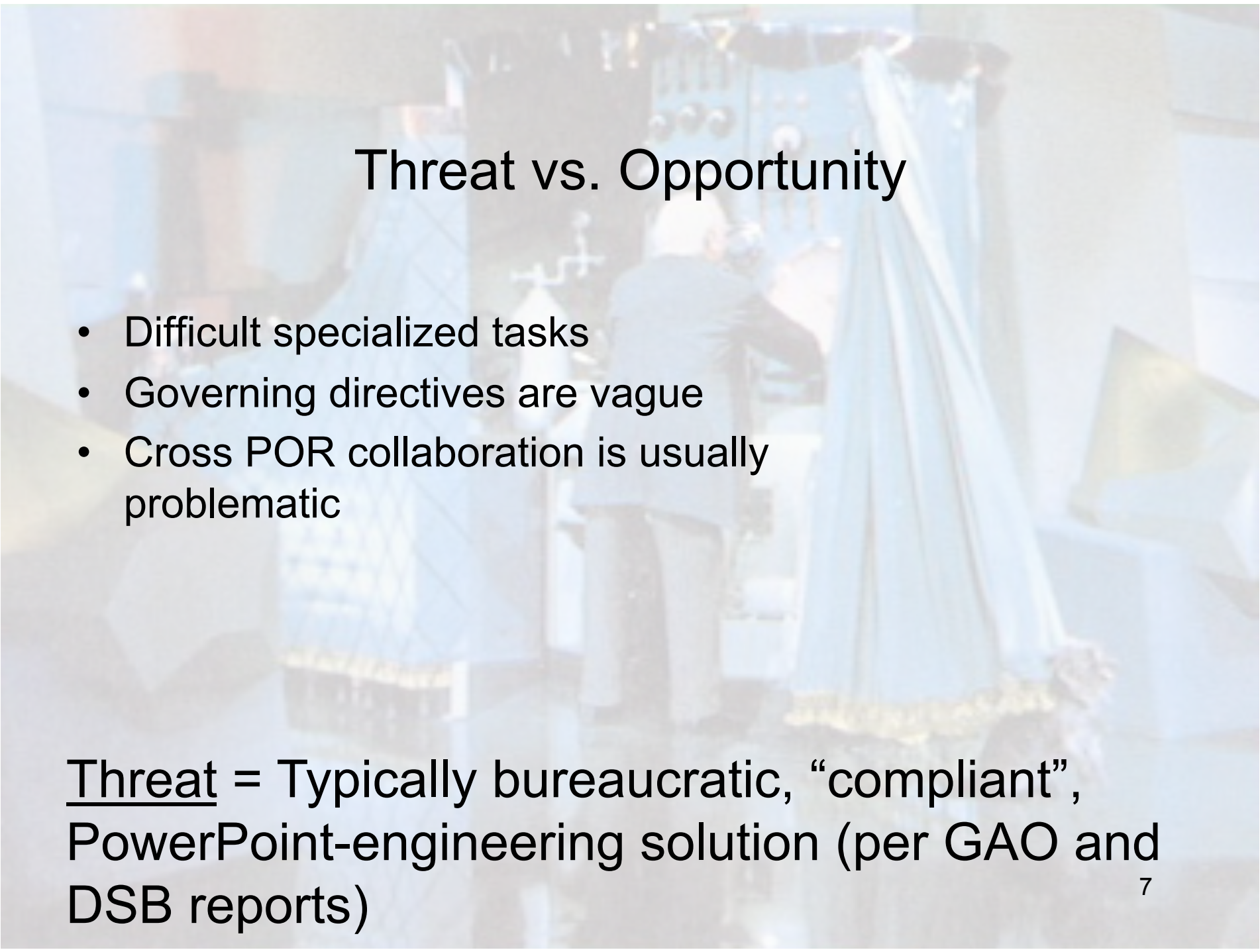
Through:

- Rapid, incremental, parallel, D, T&E and C&A
- Reusing components in build-time and run-time
- Creative contracting

# Netcentric System Long Poles\*

- Information Assurance (IA)
  - Legacy C&A does not support netcentricity
  - Security models and products for SOA immature
- Semantic Interoperability (SI)
  - Data glut leads to needle-in-a-haystack issue
  - Semantic technology state-of-the-art inadequate

\*Must address both issues up front,  
realistically, and in context with each other  
.... Both policy & technology!



## Threat vs. Opportunity

- Difficult specialized tasks
- Governing directives are vague
- Cross POR collaboration is usually problematic

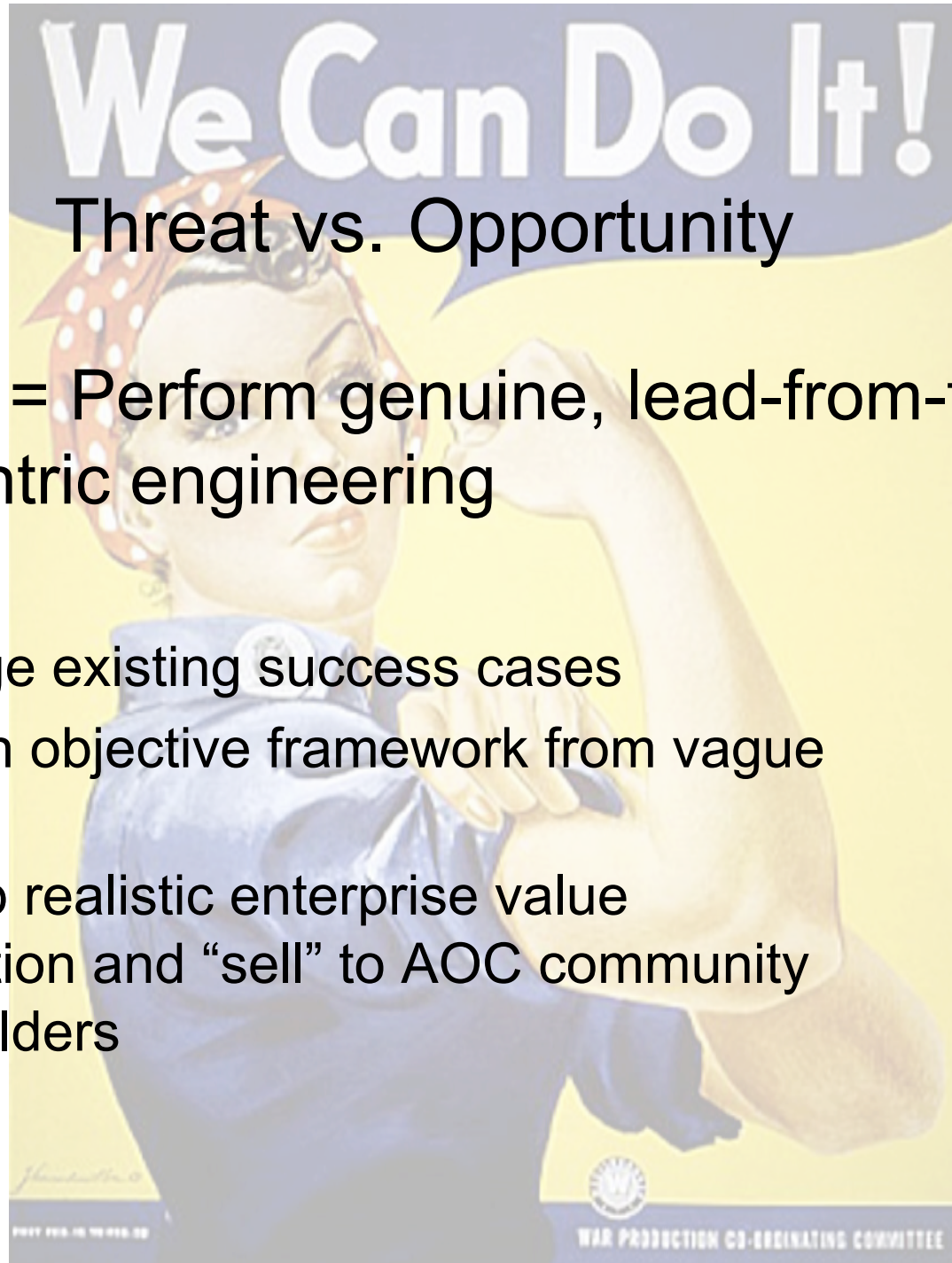
Threat = Typically bureaucratic, “compliant”, PowerPoint-engineering solution (per GAO and DSB reports)

# We Can Do It!

## Threat vs. Opportunity

Opportunity = Perform genuine, lead-from-the-front, netcentric engineering

- Leverage existing success cases
- Distill an objective framework from vague policy
- Develop realistic enterprise value proposition and “sell” to AOC community stakeholders





# Netcentric Value Proposition

- Governing directives\* mandate “Risk Adaptive Access Control” (RAdAC), NR-KPP, reciprocal C&A, and Sustainability-KPP (S-KPP)
- Guidance is vague, leaves implementation detail to programs.
- We can develop value-based detail:
  - S-KPP = speed-to-capability = low cost, certified, off-the-shelf components
  - NR-KPP = testable, link between operational MOE and Information Processing Efficiency (IPE).
    - IA is a critical component of NR-KPP
      - RAdAC is the GIG-mandated IA model
- RAdAC **NR-KPP Rol demonstrated in CWID 08** (High Assurance Tactical SOA (HATS) pilot series)
  - **20% improvement in probability of detection of High Value Target**
  - **100% improvement in detect-to-engage time**
- RAdAC **S-KPP Rol is equivalent to COTS SOA Rol**
  - SOA re-usable components **cost ~20% more up front** than non-reusable coding
  - **Speed-to-capability first article = ~1 year vs. ~ 6 years** for traditional acquisition
  - SOA => **2.5 X more re-use** than traditional models.
  - Enterprise re-use results in **90% cost reduction** over new development.
    - Sample case = Integrity-as-a-service **30K lines of code @ \$5k/line X 1 as a service vs. X many** as a traditional capability.; Re-useable high assurance components **decreases time and cost for C&A**
- **Achieving Rol depends on expert architect/engineer executing new enterprise paradigm!**

# Federated Governance Model\*

- Tier 0 services represent centrally funded, and managed “platform”
- Tier 1 services represent “brand,” i.e. locally managed, locally or centrally funded, verifiably interoperable, “enterprise storefront”
- Tier 2 services represent self-funded, independent, innovative capability offered through enterprise storefronts.

\*Per industry best practice re enterprise SOA, e.g. iPhone, e-Bay developers, Google gadgets, e-File, etc.

# Netcentric Platform Model

- Establish GIG business model = e-Portal for consumable *off-the-shelf* (OTS) = COTS, GOTS & Open Source Software (OSS) *certified* net-ready components
- Define generic and objective net-ready assessment categories and methods (not universal specifications!) per enterprise business objectives
- Use a net-ready “logo” to create a federation of qualified, motivated, independent government, industry, and academic net-ready providers
- Base acquisition on components that can reduce risk re: cost, performance, and schedule and *deliver capability faster*.
  - Require logo as “responsive” to GIG procurements
  - Bake evolutionary COTS process into FAR boilerplate
  - Hardwire cross program collaborative work flow

In performance order.

Excellent Very good Good Fair Poor

	Brand & model	Price	Annual fee	Official download site	Test results	Features
					Detection	Ease of use
					Auto updates	Can ignore cookies
					Protects browser settings	Scheduled scan
1	Microsoft AntiSpyware	Free	None	<a href="http://www.microsoft.com">microsoft.com</a>	Excellent	Excellent
2	Pirbrot Spy Sweeper	\$20	None	<a href="http://www.pirbrot.com">pirbrot.com</a>	Very good	Very good
3	eTrust PestPatrol 2005	30	20	<a href="http://www.pestpatrol.com">pestpatrol.com</a>	Good	Good
4	Spybot Search & Destroy	Free	None	<a href="http://www.spybot.info">spybot.info</a>	Fair	Fair
5	Ad-Aware SE Plus	25	10	<a href="http://www.lavasoft.de">lavasoft.de</a>	Poor	Poor
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Question: How do you address Reliability, Availability, and Maintenance (RAM) in a Software-Intensive, Distributed System-of-Systems?

Answer: No one knows.... We have to figure it out.... But one thing's for sure... the old hardware-centric models won't cut it.



# Notional Example

## “C2 Program X” Reliability Availability & Maintenance (RAM) ROI

Demonstration of how relationship between  $A_{nr}$  and  $A_o$  improves Reliability Maintenance and Availability (RMA) while reducing cost

# Assumptions

$$A_o = \frac{\text{MTBF}}{\text{MTBF} + \text{MTTR} + \text{MLDT}} = 0.99999$$

and

$$A_{nr} = \frac{(T_D)_{ie}}{(T_D + T_T + T_C)_{ce}} = 0.66$$

$A_o$  = Operational Availability  
 $A_{nr}$  = Net-ready Availability  
 $T_D$  = Development Time  
 $T_T$  = (Additional) Test Time  
 $T_C$  = (Additional  
Certification Time)  
 $()_{ie}$  = Initial Estimate  
 $()_{ce}$  = Current Estimate

where  $(T_D)_{ie} \leq (T_D)_{ce}$  and  $(T_D + T_T + T_C)_{ce} \leq 18 \text{ mos}$   
(to simplify notional example)

# At PDR, MTTR is xxxx hrs given:

Process #1

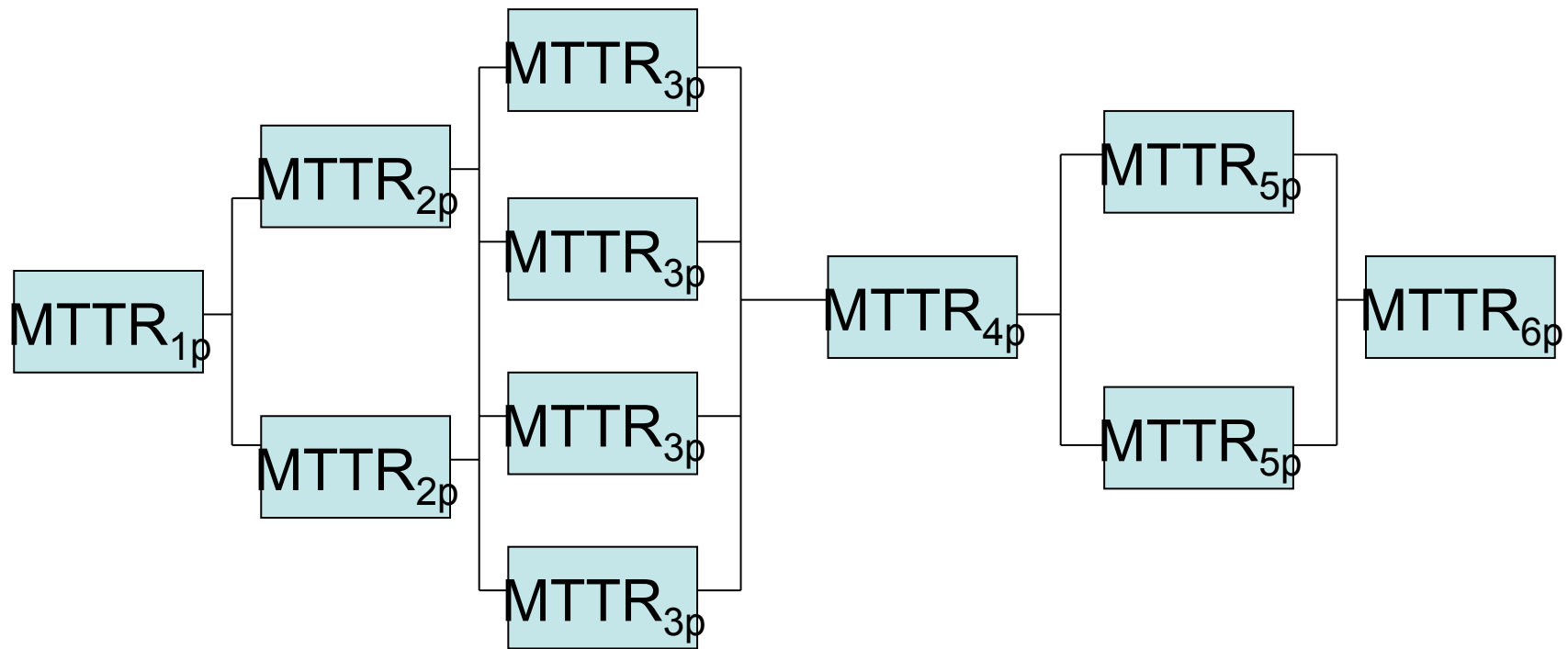
Process #2

Process #3

Process #4

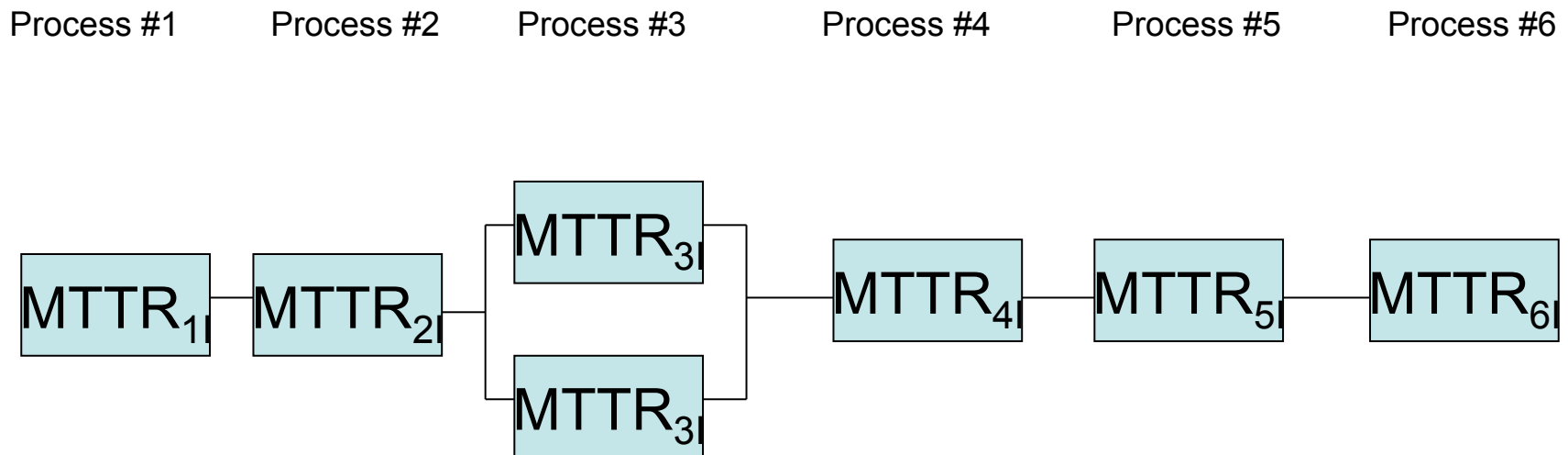
Process #5

Process #6



$A_o = 0.99999$ ,  $A_{nr} = 0.66$ , Cost = \$\$\$\$\$\$

At IOC, (IOC = PDR + 18months)  
 MTTR is xxxx hrs, given:



Where,  $MTTR_{1l} < MTTR_{1p}$ ,  $MTTR_{2l} < MTTR_{2p}$ , etc.,  
 and  $A_o = 0.99999$ ,  $A_{nr} = 0.66$ , Cost = \$\$\$\$ , or...  
 $A_o = 0.9XXXX$ ,  $A_{nr} = 0.66$ , Cost = \$\$



# At Lifecycle Support Contract Performance Review (IOC + 18months) MTTR is xxxx hrs, given:

Process #1

Process #2

Process #3

Process #4

Process #5/6



Where,  $MTTR_{1LC} < MTTR_{1I}$ ,  $MTTR_{2LC} < MTTR_{2I}$ , etc.,  
over each improvement cycle and,  $A_o = 0.99999$ ,  $A_{nr}$   
= 0.66, Cost = \$\$\$\$ .... or  $A_o = 0.99XXX$ ,  $A_{nr} = 0.66$ ,  
Cost = \$\$ .....

# Draft Executive Brief for C2 Program X Management

# Reliability, Availability, and Maintenance Issue

- Program X aims to deliver C2 capability via new “open system” paradigm: leverage SOA and COTS to deliver continuous evolutionary improvement.
- Program X inherited KPP,  $A_o=0.99999$ , designed for legacy “closed system” paradigm.
- Issue is that Program X aims to provide software-enabled “Information Availability”, but traditional  $A_o$  is a H/W-centric metric.

# SOA Program

## Scoring Conference (SC)

- Typical SC recognizes the issue:
  - Uses Business Process Modeling (BPM) to define Fully Mission Capable (FMC) and “Available, Degraded” (Deg)
  - Considers both h/w & s/w
- However, SC analysis finds most failures as h/w issues because:
  - H/w failures are material and s/w failures are not.
  - H/w fails after thousands of hours, s/w fails in tens or hundreds of thousands of hours.
- Suggests increasing overall system availability by providing h/w spares.... an expensive approach!



## Consider

- Historically, s/w improvements continuously reduce the amount of h/w required to enable capability.
- E.g., the TCP/IP capability in the early ARPANET nodes, which required two to four PDP-10/11 then, is now handled by a few thousand lines of code in a Windows or MAC machine.

# Objective

- Do not dilute the strong h/w availability we've already captured
- Capture a similar process for software.
  - Employ objective measures like we already have for h/w
  - Use objective measures as thresholds and objectives for deliverables.

Information Availability

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Capability Lifecycle

IOC

H/W MTBF

New Increment

Observed H/W  
Development Cycles

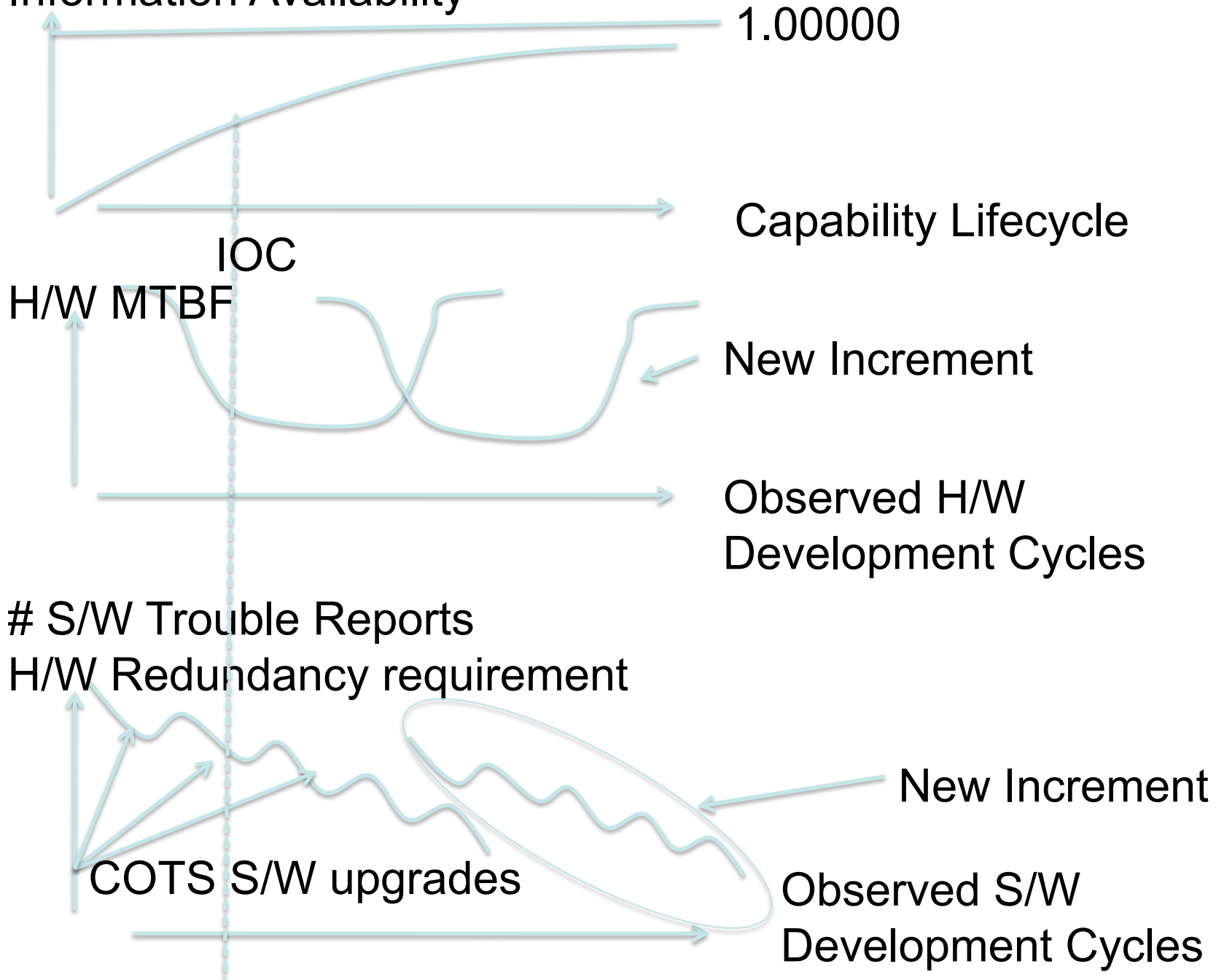
# S/W Trouble Reports

H/W Redundancy requirement

New Increment

COTS S/W upgrades

Observed S/W  
Development Cycles



## Proposed Methodology

- Base RAM metrics on “Sustainability KPP” =  $A_{nr}$
- Use Moore’s Law 18 month technology refresh time line as the delivery cycle for transferring increments of functionality.
- Establish Business Process Model (BPM) as the requirement set.
- Set the threshold and objective RAM targets inside the 18 month delivery cycle.
- Adjust RAM targets for each successively delivered COTS s/w bundle to anticipate inevitable reduction in h/w redundancy requirements.

# Engineering Tasks

- Isolate the BPM against the enterprise capability requirements.
- Establish the COTS s/w trajectory for this technical capability (COTS supportability).
- Establish threshold and objective RAM targets for the bundled s/w.
- Make RAM targets part of the IOC deliverables.